

Philad. Dec 24, '79,

Dear Doctor,

Yrs 23 here,
will stop at St Thomas

Wrote Mr Haysradt to night to
send you check or draft for Ten
dollars on my account, for
Copy Wislitzsch which Hooker
would send by yr request from
London - Say to St Thomas in care
of Baron Eggers. I would prefer
my own copy than I can use
it to best advantage and with-
draw thro' it whenever I like.

Eggers very likely would loan me
his copy but I would not like to
and should not ask him longer
than I could get one of my own.
Enclosed two nos. catalogue Berlin
rec'd few weeks since containg Wislitzsch
but if it can be had from publishers
London do just as well - His catalogue
of Cuba plants woud be of much use.

I was to the academy to-day
no letter from Smithsonian yet.

will go there again on Friday
morning as I leave for N. York,
and if not there then Mr. Peopfield
will forward it when it comes.

I have my passport and a
large box of papers stuffed and
such other things as I will
have need for.

I will follow your directions
I have decided on this plan un-
till a better is suggested -

Carry with me in my daily rambles,
note-book and tags. In the field
where I collect say ^{to} 30-40 specimens
of a species - I number it in my
note-book - and make such drawings
and notes as may be desirable on the
spot and at the same time put
the same number on the tag which
will securely tie to one of the specimens
and which is to remain permanently,
so that notes and numbers must
correspond.

I will try Eggers for

letters of introduction to some
of the public officials of Porto
Rico if he thinks well of it, so
that they may place me
favorably before the planters
then I am all right, and
be sure to find everywhere that
grows on these plantations
and make for the mountains

whenever I can, on foot
or mule or any way
at all pi bee line like their
crabs,

Very truly Yours
A. P. Barber,